

Serial No. 10/661,031

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 156 is amended to depend from claim 136.

In response to the provisional double patenting rejections, it is respectfully submitted that one or more terminal disclaimers will be filed in order to obviate the same. Per a phone conversation between the Examiner and G. DePardo, it was agreed that the 4 cases involved in the double patenting rejection would be issued in the following order:

Serial no. 10/661,082 (CV 40, no terminal disclaimer),

Serial no. 10/661,031 (CV 39A, one terminal disclaimer),

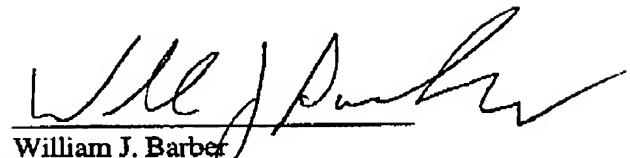
Serial no. 10/661,254 (CV 43, two terminal disclaimers), and

Serial no. 10/763,995 (CV 54, three terminal disclaimers).

In view of this, no terminal disclaimer will be submitted for this instant application since it is going to be the first case allowed to issue.

Reconsideration and early allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

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